

WE CLAIM:

1. An electric cooking assembly configured for preparing food products, the cooking assembly comprising:
  - a main body portion defining a cooking area including a first cooking surface and a second cooking surface;
  - a first electric heating element arranged and configured to provide heat to at least a portion of the first cooking surface; and
  - a second electric heating element configured to heat at least a portion of the second cooking surface, wherein the first and second electric heating elements are separately controlled.
2. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein either the first or the second electric heating element is operable at a given time.
3. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the first and second electric heating elements are operable using a 110-120 V power source.
4. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the first electric heating element includes a contoured shape.
5. The cooking assembly of claim 1, further comprising a heat reflective member positioned vertically below the first electric heating element and the first cooking surface.
6. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the second electrical heating element is adapted and configured to heat the second cooking surface using a power source of about 1000 to about 1400 Watts that provides a current of about 8 to about 14 Amps.

7. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the main body portion further includes a base member and a first hood member, the first hood member defining an outer surface of the cooking assembly and being movable relative to the base member to provide access to the cooking area.

8. The cooking assembly of claim 7, further comprising a second hood member positioned within the cooking area between the first hood member and the first and second cooking surfaces, the second hood member being movable between a closed position covering at least a portion of the first and second cooking surfaces and an open position wherein the first and second cooking surfaces are exposed.

9. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the first cooking surface includes a grill situated and arranged vertically above the first electric heating element.

10. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the second cooking surface includes a cast material and defines a searing plate cooking surface

11. The cooking assembly of claim 1, further comprising a light generating member positioned adjacent to the base member and operable to provide light within the cooking area.

12. The cooking assembly of claim 1, further comprising a first control member configured to control power allocated to the first and second electric heating elements, a temperature probe configured to monitor temperatures within the cooking area and provide a temperature signal, and a second control member configured to control power provided to the first control member and the temperature probe.

13. The cooking assembly of claim 1, further comprising a stand configured to support the main body portion at an elevated position, wherein the stand portion is a refrigerator.

14. The cooking assembly of claim 1, wherein the second electric heating element is embedded in the second cooking surface.

15. The cooking assembly of claim 10, wherein the second cooking surface includes Aluminum.

16. A method of assembling a cooking apparatus, the cooking apparatus including a main body portion, first and second cooking surfaces, first and second electric heating elements, and a control member, the main body portion including a base member and a hood member that define a cooking area, the method comprising the steps of:

- positioning the first and second cooking surfaces in the cooking area;
- positioning the first electric heating element in the cooking area between the first cooking surface and the base member;
- coupling the second electric heating element to the second cooking surface;
- coupling the control member to the first and second electric elements to control current flow to the first and second electric elements.

17. A cooking assembly for preparing food products, the cooking assembly comprising:

- a main body portion including a base member and a first hood member that together define a cooking area, the first hood member being adjustable relative to the base member to provide access to the cooking area;
- a cooking surface positioned within the cooking area; and
- a second hood member positioned at least partially within the cooking area between the cooking surface and the first hood member, the second hood member being adjustable between an open position wherein the cooking surface is accessible, and a closed position wherein the second hood member covers at least a portion of the cooking surface.

18. The assembly of claim 17, wherein the second hood member includes a heat reflective material.

19. The assembly of claim 17, wherein the first hood member includes first and second members movable relative to each other between open and closed positions, and the second hood member includes first and second members movable relative to each other to provide adjustment between the open and closed positions.

20. An electric grill configured for cooking food products, the grill comprising:

- a base member;

- an electric heating element positioned in the base member;

- a first hood coupled to the base member thereby defining a cooking area between the base member and the first hood;

- a cooking surface positioned vertically above the electric heating element between the base member and the first hood; and

- a second hood positioned at least partially within cooking area, the second hood being adjustable between an open position wherein the cooking surface is accessible and a closed position wherein at least a portion of the cooking surface is covered.

21. The gas grill of claim 20, wherein the second hood includes first and second members that are adjustable relative to each other to provide the second hood open and closed positions.

22. A cooking assembly configured for preparation of food products, the cooking assembly comprising:

- a housing including a first hood member and a base member that define a cooking area;

- an electric heating element positioned in the cooking area;

- a cooking surface positioned in the cooking area; and

a second hood member positioned within the cooking area, wherein the second hood member is configured for adjustment between an open position providing access to the cooking surface and a closed position covering at least a portion of the cooking surface.

23. The cooking assembly of claim 22, wherein the second hood member includes a top portion, first and second side portions, and an adjustable flap configured to cover a portion of the cooking surface

24. The cooking assembly of claim 22, further comprising a stand member configured to support the housing at an elevated position, the stand member including a refrigerated enclosure.

25. The cooking assembly of claim 22, further comprising a heat reflective member positioned within the cooking area.